

EARTH STAR COMICS

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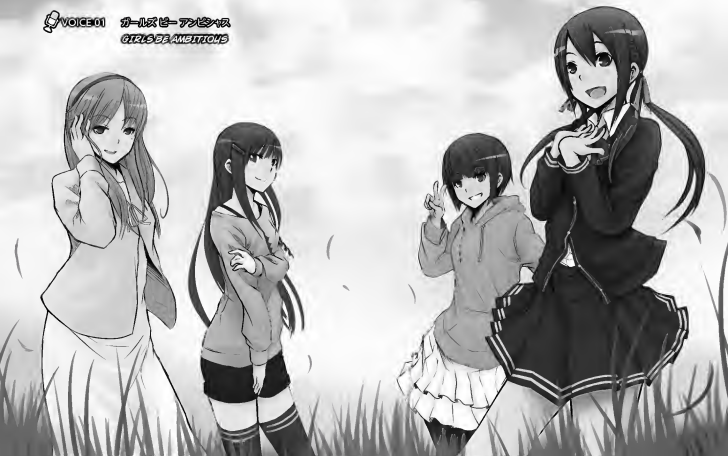
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VOICE 01 ガールズビーアンビシャス
GIRLS BE AMBITIOUS









I... AM WAKABBA SAKIMOTO, 17, A HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR.





YO!

WA-
KABA!!

I GO TO A VERY
NORMAL
SCHOOL, AND
NO MATTER
HOW YOU LOOK
AT IT, I AM A
VERY NORMAL
GIRL.



TOMO!?

PLINCH

SORRY,
I WAS
LOST IN
THOUGHT...



SORRY, LOOKS
LIKE I GOTTA
CARRY IT ALL
THE WAY TO
SCHOOL NOW!

IM YOUR
RELIABLE
CHILDHOOD
FRIEND, AM
I NOT?

I... I
AM
NOT!

THINKING
OF THE GUY
YOU LIKE OR
SOMETHIN'?

GIVE
ME
MY
BAG!

YOU'RE
ALWAYS
THINKING
WHEN I
SEE
YOU...







HEY, SAKAKI.
STILL
MAKING
HEADLINES?



I WANT
TO KNOW
TRUE
STRENGTH.

THAT'S NOT
WHY I DO
KARATE. I DO
IT BECAUSE...



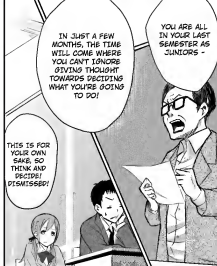
YOU
KNOW
GIRLS
COME TO
MATCHES
JUST TO
LOOK AT
YOU.



I
DON'T
CARE.

STEP
2A STEP
2A













TOMO...
SERINA?

...!

THAT
"SOMETHING" I
CAN TRULY BE
PASSIONATE
ABOUT...?



JUST WHO IS
THE LOST
CHILD HERE
...?

SLUMP
LIFE



STAGE



WAAH...







IF I
DON'T DO
SOMETHING,
NOTHING
WILL
CHANGE!!

I CAN'T MOVE
FORWARD IF
ALL I DO IS
DOUBT!

* BOOK: SHIRO'S SHIP



SHIRO THE
RABBIT WAS
ALWAYS ALONE.

THE ONLY ONE
WHO LIVED
IN THE
GREEN
FOREST
WAS
SHIRO.



THAT SOME
DAY MIGHT
BE NOW!!



HUH?

I DON'T
KNOW WHY
BUT HER
VOICE IS
SO PRETTY
AND
KIND...

SHIRO'S
DREAM IS
TO SAIL ON
THE SEA OF
STARS
WITH HIS
FRIENDS
IN A SHIP
LIKE THE
NEW MOON.

YOUR AUDIENCE
CAN TELL WHEN
YOU'RE NERVOUS.
TAKE A DEEP
BREATH AND
STRAIGHTEN YOUR
BACK.

O-
OKAY!

THE AIR
IN YOUR
STOMACH.

THROUGH
YOUR
NOSE

BREATH
OUT

YOU MUST
BREATHE
USING
YOUR DIA-
PHHRAGM.

YOU'RE
REALLY
WORKING
HARD,
SHIRO.
LET US
HELP.

THE OTHERS IN
THE FOREST SAW
SHIRO POUNDING
HIS HAMMER
EVERY DAY WITH
A THUD-THUD-
THUD AND CAME
TO HELP.

AND THEN
THE ROCKET
WAS READY.
SHIRO WAS
INSIDE. HE
WAS JUST
ABOUT TO
BLAST OFF,
WHEN...

BUT SHIRO
COULD ONLY
THINK, "THEY
JUST HAVE
FREE TIME.
THEY DON'T
KNOW
WHAT I
FEEL."

SUDDENLY,
A STRONG
WIND BLEW,
AND THE
ROCKET
FELL OVER
WITH A
CRASH!!

WHEN THIS
LADY
SPEAKS...

WHAT IS
THIS
FEELING?

AND
LET
YOUR
VOICE
FLY.

THAT'S IT.
FEEL THE
PULSE
WITH
YOUR
AUDIENCE

THE ANIMALS
OF THE FOREST
GATHERED UP
THEIR POWER
TO LIFT THE
ROCKET. BUT IT
HAD ALREADY
STARTED TO
BLAST OFF,
SO IT WAS VERY
DANGEROUS.

THE
WORLD
JUST
GETS
SO
BIG
...



THE NEXT DAY,
SHIRO WAS
AGAIN IN THE
FOREST
HAMMERING
AWAY. THE
'ROCKET'
WASN'T ABLE
TO REACH
THE MOON.



SHIRO'S
DREAM
CHANGED TO
ONE WHERE
HE COULD
FLY ON A MOON
SHIP WITH
ALL OF HIS
FRIENDS.

BUT HE
WASN'T
LONELY
NOW THAT
HE KNEW
HE HAD
FRIENDS
IN THE
FOREST.



THE
END.



AND
THEN,
IT
CONTINUED
TO
FLY
UP,
UP,
AND
AWAY;
UP
TO
THE
SKY
...

WITH
THE
HELP
OF
EVERY-
ONE
THERE,
THE
ROCKET
WAS
PUT
BACK
RIGHT
SIDE
UP.

"WE
WON'T
LEAVE A
FRIEND
BEHIND!
OR ELSE
YOU'LL
BE THE
ONE
WHO
GETS
HURT!"

BUT
THE
AN-
IMALS
OF
THE
FOREST
DID
NOT
QUIT.

TOWARD
THE ONE
YOU WANT
TO HEAR
IT...

SHIRO
WAS
SUR-
PRISED,
AND
HE
TRIED
TO STOP
HIS
FRIENDS
OF THE
FOREST.



"ALL
OF
YOU
WILL
GET
HURT!
GET
FAR
AWAY
FROM
THE
ROCKET!"

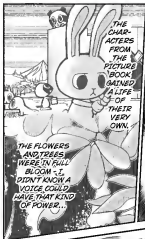




WHY AM I
CRYING...?







THE CHARACTERS FROM THE PICTURE BOOK GAINED A LIFE OF THEIR VERY OWN.

THE FLOWERS AND TREES WERE IN FULL BLOOM - I DIDN'T KNOW A VOICE COULD HAVE THAT KIND OF POWER...



BUT IT WASN'T JUST PRETTY...

WHEN SHE SPOKE THE WORDS ON THE PAGE, THE WORLD BEFORE ME CHANGED.



ALSO, SOMEWHERE IN THAT SENSATION...

THE EXCITEMENT WON'T LEAVE MY CHEST...



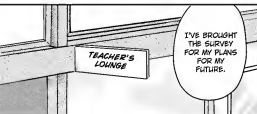
NOW ARRIVING AT YOTSUGO-TAMA RIVER-



MY SKILLS ARE VERY WEAK, BUT...

WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE THAT WORLD TOGETHER.









I'VE
FOUND
WHAT I
TRULY
WANT TO
DO.



I FINALLY
FOUND
WHAT IT
IS I WANT
TO DO.



HEY,
TOMO...
SERINA...



I WANT TO
BE A VOICE
ACTRESS!





VOICE 02

ドリーム オン ドリーマー
DREAM ON, DREAMER









IS IT REALLY
SO STRANGE
THAT I WANT TO
CHEER YOU ON
THIS TIME?



IT- IT
ISN'T...

I'M
GOING
TO DO MY
BEST TO
LIVE UP
TO YOUR
EXPECT-
ATIONS.



... OR
MAYBE
THAT'S A
BIT TOO
CHEEKY?

HA
HA



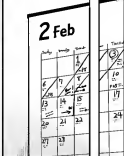
HE WANTS
TO...

CHEER ME
ON...?

















... "TO
WAKA-
BA?"



HM?



TOMO



SQUEEZE

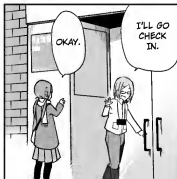


HEY...
WAIT
A
SEC!



*STORE: EROTIC AKIHABARA







OH, YOU'RE FROM BACK THERE...

I WONDER IF I COULD SEE TOUNO HERE...



SO THIS IS WHERE VOICE ACTORS DO THEIR WORK...



OH!
THERE YOU ARE!

THERE'S NO WAY I'D BE THAT LUCKY...

A HA HA



H-
H-
HOLD ON...

SHOVE
ええ
ええ
SHOVE



EVERYONE IS WAITING, SO HURRY UP!

I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER.

HUH?

UWA...
UH...

YANK







IT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP



THUMP
THUMP
THUMP





TOMO...



THAT'S
RIGHT.
YEAH.



OKAY,
LET'S
RUN IT
THROUGH
ONCE!



WHILE
WATCHING
THE
SCREEN...



READ
ALONG AS
THE
CHARACTER
SPEAKS...





*RIGHT
NOW, I
JUST...*

*I HAVE TO
APOLOGIZE
TO THE REAL
UNDER-
STUDY,
BUT...*

PHEN



*WANT TO
TRY
BREAKING
THROUGH
WHAT I'VE
DONE UP
TO NOW!*



*IT'S OUR
WISH AS
FRESHMEN
THAT YOU
SUCCEED!!*







**HEY!
WHAT
ARE YOU
THINK-
ING!?**

CLINK

HUH?



**IT MAKES
NOISE!
EVERYONE
KNOWS YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO
TAKE OFF
ACCESSORIES
WHILE
RECORDING!**

**THAT
NECK-
LACE!!**

EXCUSE ME,
I'M THE
UNDERSTUDY
FOR AZUSA'S
PART,
SHIOMI!

KERCHACK

YOU...
DON'T HAVE
WHAT IT
TAKES TO
BE A VOICE
ACTRESS!

HUH!?
SHIOMI?
THEN
THIS
GIRL...

HUH? YOU
ALREADY
STARTED
RECORDING?

AH!
WAIT!

I'M...
I'M SO
SORRY!

AH!
DASH







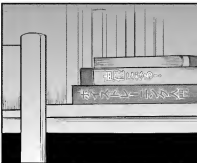


VOICE 03

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TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY

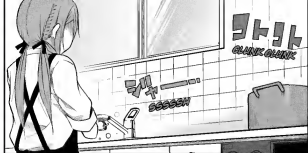






* BOOKS: BE A VOICE ACTRESS (TOP), BEGINNING VOICE TRAINING (BOTTOM)







I WONDER
IF SHE'S
OKAY...



I AM
KAKABA
SAKIMOTO,
HIGH
SCHOOL
JUNIOR.

I WANTED
TO BE A
VOICE
ACTRESS,
BUT...







OH, HE'S
HERE.



TOMO

YO!











I WONDER
IF I
DISAP-
POINTED
THEM...?



EVEN I...



BUT I
JUST
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT TO
DO...!

DON'T
REALLY
WANT TO
GIVE UP.



*SIGN: KINOKUNIYA
(A BOOKSTORE CHAIN)



*BOOK: CENTER ENGLISH







TADA!



GRAB





WAKABA...
'S A PRETTY
NAME.

I'M KUU
SONOZAKI.



IS THAT
SUPPOSED
TO BE A
BUILDING
...?

YAMMO, THAT
PLACE I
WANNA GO IS
RIGHT BY
THIS HERE
PLACE.



CALL ME
KUU, 'KAY?



... SO, I
GUESS WE
CAN TRY
GOING
SOMEWHERE
LIKE
THAT...?

HHH









IT'S
JUST...
I'VE MET
HER,
AND...

WHAT'S
WRONG?



Y-YEAH... I
GUESS YOU
COULD SAY
THAT...



WHAT'D
Y'ALL
TALK
ABOUT!?

**FOR
REAL!?
I'M
RUNA'S
BIGGEST
FAN!**



Y'ALL
DIDN'T TALK
ABOUT FUN
THINGS
...?

...

HUH?

BUT...

YOU AINT
THE ONLY
ONE SHE'S
SAID
SOMETHING
HARSH TO.

SO THAT
HAPPENED.
PID IT...

THAT'S A
DARN
SHAME...

PEOPLE
STARTED
GOSSIPIN'
ABOUT
HER...

DESPITE
THAT, SHE
CHANGED
HER
PERFOR-
MANCE
AND GOT
SOME
GOOD
ROLES.
SO,
THEN...

250 NAME: A
TO BE
I AGREE.
I CAN'T STAND TO
LISTEN.

250 NAME: ANAKREUS
SHE JUST HAD TO
COMPETE.
SHE'S SO ANAKREUS.
HONESTLY SHE'S NO
PRO.
WITH THE CAST.

RUNA STARTED
BEIN' A CHILD
ACTRESS WHEN
SHE WAS 3.

ONCE SHE GOT
INTO MIDDLE
SCHOOL, SHE
ALSO STARTED
VOICE ACTING
WORK.

... BUT IN
THE
BEGIN-
ING, SHE
WASN'T
VERY GOOD
AT IT.

*SHE USED
THE PAIN TO
SPUR
HERSELF
ONWARD,
EVEN IF IT
MADE HER
BLEED...*

*BUT
THAT'S
THE
AMAZING
THING
ABOUT
RUNA.*

*AND SHE
GREW INTO
THE YOUNG
FRONT-
COVER
VOICE
ACTRESS
Y'SEE
TODAY.*

*RUNA
ALWAYS
GOES FULL
SPEED
AHEAD
WHEN IT
COMES TO
HER WORK.*

*SHE DOES
HER BEST AS
AN ARTIST
OUTSIDE OF
VOICE WORK,
DOIN' LIVE
CONCERTS 'N
SUCH.*



AN' I'M
SURE YOU
FELT IT
TOO,
WAKABA.



... HEY,
WAKABA.

IF RUNA
WOULD GO
SO FAR AS
TO SAY
THAT TO
YOU...



RUNA
REALLY
LOVES BEIN'
A VOICE
ACTRESS...







声
魂

KOETAMA



VOICE 04

STEP BY STEP





**WE
AIN'T
GOT
TIME TO
WAIT!**



**HERE WE
ARE, AT
THE
VOICE
CONNECT
STUDIO!**

VOICE CONNECT STUDIO













AWE-SOME!!

WOAH!



IT'S A
RECORDING
BOOTH

HEY, KAZU

...



THIS IS OUR
NEW CAMPUS,
COMPLETED
JUST LAST
YEAR. OUR
STUDENTS
CAN LEARN
AMONGST THE
LATEST
EQUIPMENT.



HAWA... FOR
THAT, OF
COURSE,
WE ALSO
HAVE THIS
ROOM.

SO THIS
MUST BE
WHERE THEY
PRACTICE
HOW TO
SPEAK?



**OOH!
IT'S A
DANCE
STUDIO!**



UM... WHY IS THERE
A DANCE STUDIO IN
A SCHOOL FOR
LEARNING HOW TO BE
A VOICE ACTOR?

**AWE-
SOME!**









BROOK: A CANDY INTRIGUE II





OKAY THEN,
I'LL JUST
HAVE TO DO
IT MYSELF!



GOODY
TWO-
SHOES.

HAH



BUT...
WE
CAN'T
JUST...

AH...



JUST HOW
LONG WERE
YOU GOING
TO KEEP ME
WAITING,
MILLE-
FEUILLE!?
IT'S PAST
THE TIME
FOR
AFTERNOON
TEA!



KAH!?
AMAZING...!



YES, RIGHT
AWAY! THE
GALLETTE DES
ROIS WILL BE
READY SOON...



LET US MAKE
MILLE-FEUILLE'S
DREAM COME
TRUE, THAT
KIND CANDY
WITCH WHO
ALWAYS
MAKES US
TREATS!



TEARS DON'T
SUIT SUCH A
SWEET YOUNG
GIRL... NOW, LOOK
UPON THE MIRROR.



ME TOO...
JUST ONCE
I'D LIKE TO
MAKE CANDY
AT THE
CASTLE...



SHE'S
READING
ALONE, BUT I
CAN HEAR ALL
THE CHAR-
ACTERS!



MOTHER,
WE'LL BE
LATE FOR
THE
CASTLE'S
SOIREES!

THEY HAVE
THE BEST
INGRE-
DIENTS
FOR OUR
COOKING!





N-NO,
I...

WAKABA,
WANNA BE
THE MAIN
CHARACTER,
MILLE-
FEUILLE?

JBBZ... IT'S
NO GOOD
JUST HAVING
ONE PERSON
DOIN' ALL THE
PARTS.

HA
HA



C'MON,
LET'S DO IT
TOGETHER!











SORRY.



HEY!

HOW
MANY
TIMES
DO I
HAVE TO
TELL YOU
TO READ
THE
LINES!

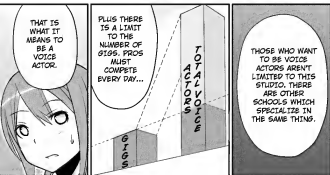


YES,
MA'AM!

YOU CAN'T
JUST READ
THE WORDS.
YOU HAVE TO
BRING THEM
TO LIFE!



WHAT DO
YOU
THINK?
ISN'T IT
FULL OF
PASSION?



EVEN SO...



*I TRULY
BELIEVE
ANYONE CAN
ACHIEVE
THEIR
DREAMS!*



*IF YOU
TRY YOUR
HARDEST AND
KEEP YOUR
MIND ON THE
TARGET,*

**SHE'S
RIGHT!
POINT
IS, WE
COULD
BE
NUMBER
ONE!**

**WAKA-
BA...!**

**THAT
WAKABA
GIRL DIDN'T
SEEM TO
HAVE ANY
CONFIDENCE**

**YOU WERE
SO COOL!**

HEE...

**I'M
SHOCKED**

**IT WAS JUST
LIKE...**

TOOHE.

**THAT VOICE
AND
EXPRESSION
JUST NOW...**





TO ACHIEVE YOUR
DREAMS, YOU NEED
UNLIMITED EFFORT
AND THE COURAGE TO
BELIEVE IN
YOURSELF!



I'LL TRY TO
BELIEVE IN
THESE
FEELINGS
AS WELL!

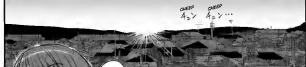
TOUKO
...



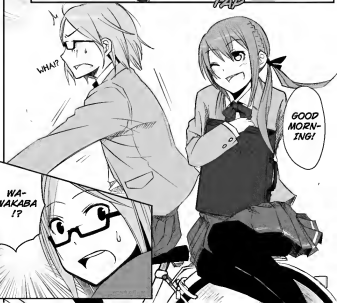


VOICE 05

オナリーワン イン サライフ
ONLY ONCE IN THE LIFE











...
YEAH.

IT'S LIKE
YOU'RE
BACK TO
THE OLD
WAKABA...



THAT
FACE...



I'M SORRY
I WORRIED
YOU. A LOT
HAPPENED,
BUT I'M
NOT
UNCERTAIN
ANY MORE.



YEAH!

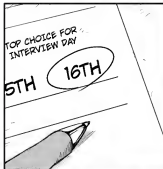
THEN YOU
CAN TELL US
ALL ABOUT
IT ON THE
WAY TO
SCHOOL!

HAH
...!?





* SHIBUYA IS A NEIGHBORHOOD IN TOKYO, KANAGAWA IS A PREFECTURE TO THE SOUTHWEST OF TOKYO.













ONCE YOU TWO GROW UP, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.



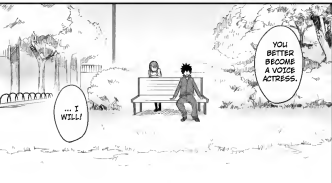
SOMEONE WHO ACTS ON A FRIEND'S BEHALF IS A STRONG, AMAZING PERSON.

I'LL READ YOU A PICTURE BOOK TO CHEER YOU UP!

THAT'S IT!

I'LL READ
YOU A
PICTURE
BOOK TO
CHEER
YOU UP!







HOW
COULD
YOU
OVER-
SLEEP
ON A
DAY
LIKE
TODAY?!







NOT
SURP-
RISING
...

THE
DAUGHTER
OF THE
NIDOUKAI
GROUP,
AMANE
NIDOUKAI
...!



WOAH-
SHE'S
REALLY
SHOW-
ING OFF
HER
WEALTH.



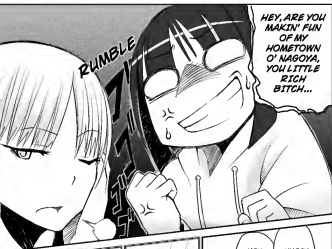
HOORAY!

WHAT'S
WITH
THAT
CROWD
...?



PEEK
ヒョコ





RUMBLE

HEY, ARE YOU
MAKIN' FUN
OF MY
HOMETOWN
O' NAGOYA,
YOU LITTLE
RICH
BITCH...



YOU... THE
LITTLE
FRIEND YOU
BROUGHT
ALONG IS
QUITE CUTE.

SWISH



HIFF

YOU
WERE IN
THE
WRONG
THIS
TIME.

KNOCK
IF OFF,
KILL

CRAB



YOU CAN'T
LIVE UP TO
YOUR CHARM
WHEN YOU'RE
AROUND
SWINE LIKE
HER.



えっ...
MUTTER

WHAT
WILL
SHE
DO...?

MS.
NIDOUKAI
HAS TAKEN
AN
INTEREST
IN HER...



THOUGH THE
OTHERS
HERE DON'T
HAVE THE
TALENT OR
CONFIDENCE,
EITHER.



THE
FEELINGS
OF KUN...
AND ALL
THE
PEOPLE
GATHERED
HERE...

WHAT IS
WRONG
WITH
HER...?

GRIP



DON'T YOU
THINK SO,
TOO?



YOU
DON'T
MOCK
PEOPLE
WHO
ARE
CHASING
THEIR
DREAMS!!



SHAKE

WHAT
...!?

WHA...

SHAKE





VOICE:06

ビリーフインユアセルフ
BELIEVE IN YOURSELF







EVEN
SO...

SOME ARE
NERVOUS
AND
STUTTER...
SOME OVER-
ACT...

OCCASIONALLY
THERE IS A
CHILD WHO
IS HIDING
SUCH AN
INTERESTING
SKILL...

KA
KIN
SONOZ
TAKAHA
NISHITA





HERE
WE
GO...!

ALRIGHT,
NEXT
GROUP!
NUMBERS
20
THROUGH
25, INTO
THE NEXT
ROOM.

ガッ
KERCHACK



スィッシュ...



I HAVE
TO DO
MY
BEST!

SO SHE'S
IN MY
GROUP
TOO...





TH-
THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH!



PLEASE
SAY
"THANK
YOU" AS IF
YOU ARE A
STORE
CLERK.



TH...
THANKS
A LOT.

SAY "THANK
YOU" AS IF
YOU JUST
RECEIVED A
PRESENT
YOU DIDN'T
WANT.



THIS IS
THE
POINT?



I
SEE...



T-
THANKS,
BRO!
!

SAY
THANK
YOU
LIKE A
BASEBALL
CLUB
MEMBER.



THEY'RE
TESTING OUR
ABILITY TO
PERFORM
THIS WAY
DURING THE
EXAM

THE SAME WORDS
CHANGE
DEPENDING ON
THE SITUATION
AND EMOTION
BEHIND THEM...







**GOOD
BYE!**



YES
...



SAY
"GOODBYE"
TO A LOVER OF FIVE
YEARS THAT
YOU ARE
BREAKING
UP WITH



THE WHOLE
ROOM SHOOK
WHEN
NIDOUNKAI
SPOKE!



W...DOOOOSH...



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HER VOICE
PROJECTION
... THAT'S
WHY SHE
WAS SO
CONFIDENT
...



RATTLE
RATTLE



HOWEVER
THAT IS A
COMMON-
PLACE WAY
TO TRY TO
APPEAL TO
THE JUDGES!



SHE'S
NOT JUST A
SPOILT
RICH KID
AFTER
ALL...

AND SHE
DID IT ON
THE
SPOT...

OH...
SHE CAN
REALLY
PROJECT
HER VOICE.



WE'LL
GO
AROUND
AGAIN.



THIS TIME
YOU HAVE
TWO
MINUTES
FOR A
PERSONAL
APPEAL...



LET ME
HEAR
SOMETHING
MORE
EXCITING!





*THIS IS
OPERA... "LA
TRAVIATA!"*





HE LOOKS SO
SHOCKED...
BUT OF
COURSE HE
DOES!







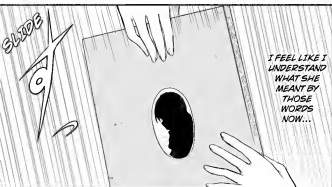
WHA...
WHAT
IS
WRONG
WITH
THIS
GIRL?



WHY IS SHE
MAKING THAT
FACE AFTER
HEARING MY
OPERA?









OKAY,
HERE'S
THE
NEXT
SCRIPT.



THANK
YOU!



HEEHEE...
I HEAR
ENTRANCE
EXAMS ARE
HAPPENING
DOWN-
STAIRS.

OH, I
STILL
HAVE
WORK,
LIKE
ALWAYS.

RLINA, DO
YOU HAVE
PLANS
FOR OUR
WEEK
OFF?

YOU
CAN
HEAR
THEIR
VOICES.







IT'S
HER!



FELT
SOMETHING
CHANGE
INSIDE OF ME.

THIS
TIME, I...





A
FUTURE I
COULDN'T
SEE...

A FUTURE
WHERE I
BECAME A
VOICE
ACTRESS
...



AT THAT
MOMENT,
JUST A
LITTLE
BIT...

I FELT
LIKE I
COULD
SEE IT
HAPPEN

...



TO BE CONTINUED.....